



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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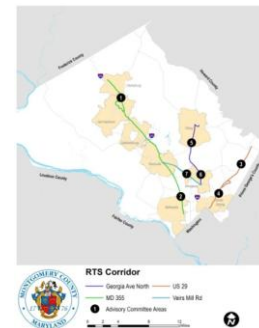
## **Nominate Yourself to Serve on a Rapid Transit System (RTS) Corridor Advisory Committee!**

### ***Get Involved in RTS Planning Efforts in Your Community***

Montgomery County Department of Transportation is looking for residents and businesses to serve on the county's Rapid Transit System Corridor Advisory Committees (CACs). These committees are part of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) and the State of Maryland's commitment to developing a Bus Rapid Transit System in Montgomery County.

These committees will provide community stakeholders (area residents, businesses, community organizations and others) with the opportunity to participate in the Bus Rapid Transit System planning process. By working with engineers, architects, land use professionals, and planners, these committees will advise MCDOT and the State in the decision process related to:

- General BRT concept designs
- BRT study assumptions
- Transit access and operations
- Coordination with other modes
- Public involvement planning
- Community needs



### ***Two of the 5 initial RTS corridors being studied are Upcounty:***

- MD 355 North corridor CAC (*Frederick Road/Hungerford Drive* from Clarksburg to Rockville Metrorail station).
- MD 355 South corridor CAC (*Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue* from Rockville Metrorail station to Bethesda).

Please click [here](#) to obtain the nomination form to serve on the Corridor Advisory Committee. For more information about the project, please click [here](#) or visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/cacs.html>.

***Forms are due by November 21st. Sign up now!***

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### ***Reminder . . .***

## **Volunteers Sought for Community Service Week Projects; 2014 Focus on Food Security**

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## ***Recommendations from the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board. . .***

At their October 6 meeting, the board developed comments and/or recommendations on several issues.

- **Ovid Hazen Wells Park Master Plan Update** – The board will support the Parks staff's plan with the expectation that traffic and noise impact studies will be done.
- **Montgomery Village/Gaithersburg East Master Plan Reviews** – The Council has split the two areas into separate review processes. The board recommends reviewing both areas together since there are transportation issues that affect both areas, and that if the two must be split, common issues should be reviewed early in the process.
- **Funding for youth activities in Upcounty** - The board recommends that funding be focused on providing more out-of-school activities and opportunities, especially for at-risk youths and their families in the Upcounty region so that they “may enjoy the same advantages as residents in other regions of the county.” In addition, they request that the “County Council place a greater funding priority to Friday and Saturday evening youth recreation activities along with an increase in the number of programs and facilities.”
- **Fire-Rescue Master Plan Update** – The board prioritized a list of interests in FRS' services and added the use of technology and data analytics as an area they think is important for the county to pursue.

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**Sunday, October 19 12:00n-5:00pm  
Westfield Wheaton Plaza Mall parking lot  
(across from Wheaton Metro)**

Don't forget to stop by this event that showcases our community's rich diversity through food, music, dance, traditional arts and hands-on projects for children and families. The day will also feature a wide range of music, dance and cultural performances on two stages, and numerous hands-on activities for children and families and an international craft market.

For more details, visit <http://worldofmontgomery.com>

*sponsored by Montgomery County's Office of Community Partnerships and the Dept. of Economic Development*

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## **Updated Code Available Online**

An updated version of the new zoning code, with ZTA 14-09 incorporated, is available [here](#). Printed copies will be available at the Planning Department information counter by the end of next week.

## **Background**

Planners have rewritten the zoning code to modernize antiquated, redundant zoning regulations, and to create new tools that will help achieve goals in community plans. The new zoning code and zoning map have been adopted by County Council and will become effective on October 30, 2014.

For more information, visit [zoningmontgomery.org](http://zoningmontgomery.org)

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## SAVE TIME – VOTE EARLY!

**Montgomery County will open nine Early Voting Centers from October 23 - 30, from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.** Any Montgomery County registered voter may cast a ballot at any one of these sites on the same voting equipment used on Election Day – November 4. Many voters find that early voting is more convenient than voting at their assigned polling place on Election Day.

### Locations:

- **Activity Center at Bohrer Park**, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, 20877
- **Damascus Community Recreation Center**, 25520 Oak Drive, Damascus, 20872
- **Executive Office Building**, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, 20850
- **Germantown Community Recreation Center**, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown, 20874
- **Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center**, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, 20815
- **Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center**, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, 20866
- **Mid-County Community Recreation Center**, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, 20906
- **Silver Spring Civic Building**, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, 20910
- **Wheaton Community Recreation Center**, 11711 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, 20902

You may visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org), or our new mobile app at [m.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections), to view more information on early voting, including wait times for each center, updated hourly during voting hours.

For more information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org), the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <http://elections.state.md.us>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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## Clarksburg Park Activity Building Re-opens

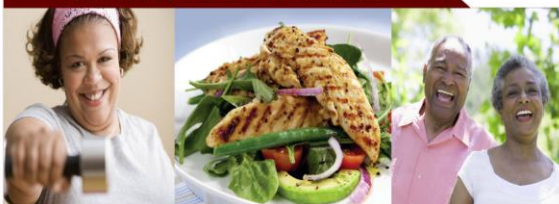
The Parks Department has announced that, in response to customer demand, the Clarksburg Park Activity Building will re-open effective October 13, 2014. Closed during the budget crunch in 2010, this popular building will be available for rentals and classes to be held by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. The building is 1,855 square feet and can accommodate up to 90 people, standing. There is a main recreational room, two restrooms, and a kitchen with a sink, refrigerator, and warming oven. Other amenities include remote keyless entry, air conditioning, playground, tennis courts, and a basketball court. 26 parking spaces with 2 accessible are available on site.

If you have any questions about renting this facility, please contact Haviz Adejo at [haviz.adejo@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:haviz.adejo@montgomeryparks.org).

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## Healthy Living DINING CLUB

FOR DIABETES PREVENTION & CONTROL



## The African American Health Program presents a Healthy Dining Club

**October 6 and November 3**  
**Gaithersburg Library**  
**18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg**

Registration required.  
Call Diane: 240.773.0387

The African American Health Program is funded by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and administered by BETAH Associates, Inc.

## Join the Diabetes Education Classes

Thursday Evenings

October 9, 16, 23, & 30

6:00pm–8:30pm

Gaithersburg Library

18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg

*Free Class Series for Diabetes Prevention & Control*

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**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

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Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>